



## An Update from the Board

January 13, 2025

### Dear Members,

As the new year is underway, we want to share our excitement and confidence about the direction the association is headed and details about the upcoming annual conference. We also recognize the impact the fires in Los Angeles County are having on residents and first responders and, in many cases, our member companies and employees. Our thoughts are with everyone impacted by these horrific fires.

The state of the Association is stronger than ever thanks to the collaboration between our restaurant partners.

For the last year, the Board has been working diligently to streamline governance and encourage and facilitate member-led initiatives like the Working Groups and Chapter Meetings. The board is committed to transparency and is pleased to report that the transition of association management services from the Calibration Group and other vendors to Celtic Associations is complete. Celtic is a full-service management company with a team of experts to partner with RLPSA, providing association and conference management, accounting, social media, and digital services.

We want to take a moment here to recognize the invaluable contributions of Rebecca Alexander, former Associate Director of RLPSA. Rebecca recently joined Nordstrom as Risk Manager, Environment, Health, and Safety with Nordstrom. The board thanks Rebecca for her exceptional service to RLPSA and knows she is happy to be back in the occupational safety field again.

The board has had weekly meetings with Celtic to ensure a smooth transition. In addition, we meet regularly with Celtic on all ongoing aspects of the association, including governance, membership, finance and conference planning. If you have attended recent working group meetings, you will have seen the friendly faces of Deb Ryan and Jacqueline Luna-Montes. Expect to hear more from the Celtic team as they gear up for the Nashville conference.

We are 78 days from RLPSA's 2025 Annual Conference, set for Nashville March 30-April 2. You can still take advantage of early bird registration savings through January 31. More than 115 members and exhibitors have already registered, and we are on track for great attendance in Nashville. There are also more than 50 solution providers who have committed to showcasing their services at the one and

only RLPSA Exhibition Hall.

## View the full schedule and agenda [here](#).

Your attendance underscores the stability and strength of RLPSA's commitment to delivering member value and fostering meaningful connections. By registering now, you'll not only guarantee your spot at the leading industry event but also save your organization over \$150 per person with the early bird rate!

Don't miss this opportunity to invest in your team and organization's future. Secure your registration today and join us in shaping the conversations that matter most to our industry.

### [Register Now](#)

In conclusion, the Association – led by our members – is poised for growth and looking to the future. We look forward to the opportunities for connections in Nashville and beyond.

We do want to hear from you! Feel free to email anyone on the board, as listed below.

Sincerely,  
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